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## Homecoming

Homecoming was a huge success this year. We are sorry all of you id not get here, but we had fun just the same. The class reunions were etter than ever. The class of 1944 had the biggest turnout. The anniversary anquet to President Combs was the largest we have had. Many disnguished guests were present. At our next homecoming on April 1, 2, nd 3, 1955, the following classes will have reunions: 1915, 1920, 1925, 930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1952, 1953, and 1954. Let's plan for them ow.

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

"To all Members of the Alumnae Association,

This belated letter . . . though very late . . . is none the less sincere hen I voice my appreciation to all of you who made our Homecoming success. It would be impossible to name all the things that were done make those days run smoothly, and on schedule. Those of you who ould not come, missed a very good time. Never have I seen such a onderful spirit of cooperation and interest. The business meetings were teresting, and even tho' there was a long agenda for each meeting, everyne was interested, and so very helpful. I say "thank you" again and again.

During the summer, please try to send in news to Polly, from your napters, pictures of your activities, and individual news items. The fall ulletin is, we hope, going to be the largest one yet. It will be, only if you nd in your news. You will note that in this one you will find the yearly ports of most of the chapters. These are reports to be proud of, and it is ood for everyone, especially those who are organizing new chapters, to now what the others are doing.

May I wish for each of you a wonderful summer? If I have been slow answering letters, and if I am slower, during the summer months, please rgive me, and just mark it up to the North Carolina heat . . . it has ready desended upon us.

Best wishes to each of you, and again, my thanks for your help during is past year."

Sincerely,

ELOISE CAVERLEE HUGHES, '40
104 Harding Street
Greenville, North Carolina

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### BELVA DUNN APPOINTED TO BOARD OF VISITORS

Miss Belva Tune Dunn '44 past treasurer of the Alumnae Association, as been appointed by Governor Stanley to the Board of Visitors of the niversity of Virginia. Belva lives in Richmond and has for several years een very active in the Richmond chapter as president and director, as well the National Association, and other social and civic affairs in Richond. She is secretary of Walford and Wright, Architects, of Richmond. e is the second member of the Alumnae Association to be appointed to e present board, the other being Miss Lucille Wheeler of Newport News. he Association is very proud to have two members on the board and presses continued success to both Belva and Lucille.

### ELECTION

Miss Betty Jean Lyle of Fairfax, Virginia, was elected treasurer for the next two years to succeed Miss Belva Tune Dunn. Miss Julia Margaret Starkey of Richmond is the new historian to succeed Mrs. Eleanor B. Smith of Arlington. We are looking forward to working with B. J. and Julia. We want to express our appreciation to Belva and Eleanor for all of their fine work with us.

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### ALUMNAE OFFICE

The new office is furnished with the basic furniture and it has been paid for, thanks to the chapters and individuals. We still need a lot of things for the working part of the office. The planning and furnishings were done by Camilla Moody Payne, Interior Decorator of Washington. The Association is most appreciative of the time and thought she gave.

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### REPORT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CHAPTER

The charter officers of the Alexandria, Virginia MWC Chapter when we were organized in April 1953 were as follows: President, Mrs. Betsy Hildrup Morris; Vice-President, Mrs. Sue Risheill Perry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Selma Schever Link; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Byrd Ewell; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Nalls; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Adine Goodloe Suttler; Historian, Mrs. Elizabeth Burgandine Coons; Director, Mrs. Mallory Hufty Zahn. We now have 29 members.

In September, 1953 we honored students and freshmen with a lovely tea at the YWCA in Alexandria. Our meetings alternate monthly—luncheons at atmospheric places and night meetings at homes of members. Our project has been the sale of perfumes and wallets, from which $135.00 has been made. Of this amount $50.00 was given toward the furnishing of the new Alumnae Office at Fredericksburg.

The recently elected 1954-55 officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Sue Risheill Perry; Vice-President, Mrs. Selma Schever Link; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Donaldson Rolander; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Katherine King; Treasurer, Mrs. Mamie Stahle Via; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Biddy Miller Jones; Historian, Mrs. Annie Fogg Robinson; Director, Mrs. Betsy Hildrup Morris.

Interest and cooperation have been good and the fellowship of old and new friends has been thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to an even better coming year.

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### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DELAWARE CHAPTER

A meeting was held on Friday evening, April 23, 1954, at the home of Barbara McNutt to decide whether or not an Alumnae Chapter of Mary Washington College should be formed for the alumnae residing in Wilmington, Delaware and vicinity. Those present were: Barbara McNutt, Class of '47; Charlotte Baylis Koffenberger, Class of '49; Dorothy Potts Taylor, Class of '45; Helen Lowe, Class of '48; Mary Landes Macleary, Class of '52; Judy Gernert, Ex Class of '50 (didn't graduate); Judy Mack Magee, Class of '51.

Barbara informed us that a chapter had been attempted several times in Wilmington, but failed, and that the Wilmington girls usually attended the meetings held by the Philadelphia Chapter.

She then explained the requirements and responsibilities involved in forming a Chapter; i.e., the dues would be $5.00 a year per person. Out of that, $3.00 is forwarded to the National Association and $2.00 is kept for the local chapter. A life membership may be had by paying $50.00, either in one lump sum or $10.00 a year for five years. If a life membership is held, then the individual pays only $2.00 a year as dues to the local chapter to which she belongs. To form a chapter, the following requirements must be met: There must be a minimum of five paid members and a charter must be sent in to the National Association. The operational requirements are: Each chapter must send a report after each meeting to the Executive Secretary of the Association, and it must submit a list of members and officers and forward dues by June 1st of each year.

After reveiwing these requirements and the financial responsibility which a chapter would face, it was decided that until we build up the membership of our group, that we meet strictly on a social basis. In the meantime, we will endeavor to get more alumnae interested in joining and build up to the point where we can start a chapter and conduct it successfully.

It was also decided that for the time being our group would just include the girls from Wilmington and surrounding areas. The girls in Southern Delaware could be informed of our activities and perhaps form their own group (a branch of our group, so to speak), and at certain times during the year, we could have joint meetings. Due to the distance, it would be impossible to try to have them attend all meetings. We also decided that the name of our group would be the "Delaware Chapter," since we eventually plan to include all of Delaware.

We will not elect officers until we become more organized; rather we will decide at each meeting our program for the next and at whose house we'll meet. The hostess will act as chairman. For our information, Barbara told us that there are three officers in a Chapter—President, Secretary and Treasurer-Director. Our meetings will be held once a month at night on a date which is satisfactory to all.

In order to build up our group it was decided to contact the girls in Newark and other similar areas, to telephone rather than write these girls, and to place a notice in the newspaper telling when and where our group will meet. In this way we hope to find the girls who are interested in belonging and eliminate those not interested or unable to belong.

We then discussed what we as a group could do to help MWC. Several ideas were given—entertain students who are home on vacation; entertain in September those girls who will be attending MWC for the first time; entertain in the Spring the five best students in the local high schools; distribute copies of the Alumnae Bulletin throughout the local high schools; and help with community projects. A few other ideas, such as having an MWC Day in the local high schools and displaying pictures of Mary Washington were suggested, but not considered feasible for this section of the country.

Barbara read from an Alumnae Manual a list of ways chapters could raise funds. Some of these were to sell manufactured items, have book exchange sales, parties, teas, speakers, dinner meetings, etc. These will be considered when we make plans for our Fall meetings.

For our next meeting each girl took a project to look into and report whether or not we as a group could help in any way:

Judy Magee—Ferris Boys School.

Helen Lowe—Kutner School for Handicapped Children.

Mary Macleary—V. A. Hospital.

Barbara McNutt—Calling Mrs. Fox at AAUW to see if they might know of some organization or project which we might help with.

Dorothy Taylor—Kruse School.

Charlotte Koffenberger—Putting notice in newspaper.

Our next meeting is to be held at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 18, 1954 at Charlotte Koffenberger's home. At this time we will try to plan and set up a program for our Fall meetings.

JUDY M. MAGEE

## REPORT OF THE EASTERN SHORE CHAPTER

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Alumnae Association of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia submits the following report:

This Chapter has been organized four years. It has a mailing list of over one hundred Mary Washington alumnae now living on the Eastern Shore. About sixty of this number have come to one or more meetings during this period, but the attendance at the regular meetings has been small. Usually about twenty-five attend.

There are three meetings a year—in October, January and April. The largeness of the two counties, weather, and transportation all seem to keep the attendance low, so to stimulate interest the Chapter voted to establish a scholarship fund amounting to $300.00 to be given each year to help an Eastern Shore girl attend Mary Washington College.

The Chapter was honored to have Mrs. Pauline Graves Lamason, Executive Secretary of the National Association, as our guest in January. We appreciate "busy Polly" taking time out to make us a visit.

We also had another visitor, Lillian Sturtevant Pingry, from the Richmond Chapter. Lillian and her husband are living in Onancock this year.

EFFIE BERRY FUQUA, President

IRA T. POWELL, Director

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## FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER REPORT

At our October meeting one of our own members, Miss Addibel Freeman, who is teacher of the Rappahannock Valley School for Retarded Children, spoke to us about the school and told of ways in which we could help. Later in the year we held a benefit card party and a check for $80.00 was turned over to this school.

Again, in October, we were delighted with the demonstration of Christmas table decorations put on by another one of our members, Miss Katy Goodloe, Home Demonstration Agent.

Miss Eppes' Choral Club from the college entertained us with several delightful numbers at our Christmas party. Early in December we manned the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle for a day.

A talk by an interior decorator from Richmond in January drew the largest attendance of the year when 37 alumnae were present.

A coke party at the college for local and nearby high school senior girls interested in attending M. W. C., town girls at M. W. C., and alumnae daughters was successful in every way except in attendance—only 5 guests attended.

For the first time in several years, a family picnic was planned in May. Alumnae and members of their families will gather at the Oak Hill Stables Park. We had 80 present at the picnic.

We contributed $50.00 toward furnishing the alumnae office.

Another first: We established this year a scholarship award to be given to that senior girl at MW.C. from either Fredericksburg, or the counties of Stafford, King George or Spotsylvania. The annual award is to be a useful piece of silver.

Our average attendance through March is 26 and to date we have 38 paid members.

LOUISE GRAVES, Director

April, 1954

## MARYLAND-SUBURBAN CHAPTER REPORT

Our first meeting was September 2, 1953, and the first Wednesday of the month thereafter. The first few meetings were mainly spent on getting organized. We have about thirteen active members with an average attendance of ten at each meeting.

Our programs have included colored slides of one of the member's trip to California, home movies, and a talk on possible welfare work for a group of our size. We also had a dinner on February 27, 1954, for all the members and their husbands or dates, at one of the girl's home. Another special activity was on March 16, 1954, when we took a guided tour of the McArdle Printing Co., Inc.

Some of our fund raising projects have been selling stationery, address labels, etc., and a hostess gift at each meeting. The hostess supplies the gift and we each pay a quarter to guess the contents. The closest guesser received the package.

One of our projects for the year has been to bring a little cheer and friendliness to a group of people at the District Training School in Laurel, Maryland. We each took a name and through the year we send a birthday card, other cards, and small gifts, as we wish. We have joined the Associated Alumnae Clubs of Washington and through them have begun a scholarship fund. In time we expect to award our own scholarship.

We have had a good turnout at each meeting and a great deal of interest has been shown by all members for the various projects.

ELIZABETH T. CORMACK, Director

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## NEW YORK CHAPTER REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953-54

In September, a Membership Tea was held and at that time plans were made to reorganize the New York Chapter. Since the state comprises so large an area it was decided that in order to have an active group it was necessary to have not one chapter in the state, but instead to have chapters located in various areas, for instance in Brooklyn, Bronx, Long Island, Manhattan, Westchester, Peekskill, and Upstate New York, and then if possible to have one large function as a luncheon to which all the smaller groups would come once a year. In order to make this a reality, it was necessary to start one group and see that they began to function, and at present I am proud to say that the WESTCHESTER CHAPTER is the most active. At the same time however, we do have girls in other areas who are trying to get their groups started.

To date, a constitution has been drafted and accepted by the chapter members. We find it most satisfactory to meet at one another's home and have had several successful meetings which are usually followed by a social hour and even the playing of some bridge. At our December meeting we had a bridge party at which time various prizes were awarded. At present we are very anxious to locate as many girls as possible in our area to have them join us, and thus far we have been quite fortunate in having at least two new faces with us each time. This is done mostly by publicity in local papers both before and again after each meeting or social event. Also, the girls have been looking through their old year books, and in this way are able to "track down" others who live near-by.

We have begun to collect items for a scrapbook and welcome anything pertaining to individuals and the group as a whole. Our main project for the year is to be a Garden Party in August for in-coming freshmen, their mothers, and recent graduates. We hope at this time to acquaint the girls with one another, and also with MWC and answer the many questions incoming freshmen are interested in knowing about their new school and experiences they will encounter. We are very anxious to make these new students feel free to call upon the Alumnae at any time for some day we hope they will join our ranks. It would be wonderful to get a movie of MWC to show.

Our MWC Chapter was represented at the "Barnard Forum" held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in March, and we were also guests at a tea given by the American Association of University Women.

It takes time to get started, and I am very pleased to report that we have progressed tremendously since our first get-together held just a few months ago.

AILEEN LOUISE HIRSCHMAN, President

## NORFOLK CHAPTER REPORT

Despite a few set backs at the beginning of the year, the Norfolk Chapter is progressing. The set backs were the loss of two major officers. To date we have 31 paid members plus about 10 tentative members.

We have established a scholarship which will be effective beginning with the session 54-55. This will be given to a Junior or Senior from Norfolk, Norfolk County or Princess Anne County areas.

Other social work of the year included a basket of fruit to the Day Nursery at Thanksgiving and a contribution to the Joy Fund at Christmas.

Our programs have been interesting and varied. We have had talks on Norfolk's Redevelopment Program and Local Bird Life besides talks from our National President and a local minister. At our night meetings on alternate months we have played games. This was a very successful get acquainted method and the girls really seemed to enjoy them.

We will start on our main financial venture in about 2 weeks. Again this year we are making Easter Eggs. The girls have all seemed anxious to help so this should be a success again this year. Our other money making methods were: a rummage sale, raffle, selling Christmas candies and rum balls.

Our membership boasts of 5 of the 53 graduates. So if we can hold on to the old ones and get at least 5 new ones each year we shall continue to progress.

JEAN BASNIGHT, President

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## REPORT OF PENINSULA CHAPTER

The year 1953-54 has been somewhat of an experiment with regular monthly luncheon meetings scheduled. While the results were not spectacular, they were encouraging. The executive board feels that a good foundation has been laid for future growth.

The first vice-president represented the local president at the fall meeting of the National Board of Directors. During this year the first vice-president has served as chairman of the scholarship award committee and will present the award at this May meeting.

The second vice-president worked with the membership committee and is in charge of the chapter files which are up to date. Cross references will be set up in the near future.

The recording secretary has kept accurate records of all chapter and executive board meetings. She reports an average attendance of twenty-two at the luncheon meetings.

The corresponding secretary wrote notes of appreciation to our guest speakers; sent telegrams of congratulation to the Peninsula 1953 graduates at the college; cards to the Peninsula girls who are Freshmen at the college this year, and cards to certain of our chapter members. With the assistance of her committee she saw that clippings from our local newspapers containing personal items about our local alumnae were sent to the executive secretary at the college.

The historian added to the chapter scrapbook, keeping it up to date with the aid of her able committee.

The parliamentarian presented revised constitution and by-laws which were adopted by the chapter.

The representative to the National Board of Directors attended both meetings of that body as chapter voting delegate and reported to the chapter. In addition she served as a member of the ways and means committee.

The finance committee prepared a budget which was approved to serve as a guide in the financial affairs of the chapter.

The hospitality committee made arrangements for all meetings, including reservations, choice of menu, flower arrangements and corsages for guests and the greeting of members and guests.

The membership committee divided the potential rosters of Peninsula alumnae according to geographical locations. Committee members were

then assigned areas in which to enlist members. They report a total of forty-eight memberships paid to date. This committee is also responsible for most of the information bringing our files up to date.

The program committee provided a series of excellent and varied programs which were well received.

The publicity chairman kept the activities of the chapter before the community with pertinent notices in the local newspapers.

The telephone chairman faithfully and efficiently contacted board members as necessary and served as a member of the ways and means committee. A successful card party in October and fashion show in March kept the ways and means committee very busy. Their excellent work made possible the financial soundness of the chapter this year.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement as of May 8, 1954

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| RECEIPTS | $721.15 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | 568.48 |
| BALANCE | $152.67 |

In addition the chapter discharged its obligations to the National Association, including a share in furnishing the new office. There were things which might have been done, but getting the chapter firmly established once more seemed more urgent.

No brief report can adequately picture the loyalty and faithfulness of those who have made a good report possible. Chapter members at large, as well as committee members, chairmen and officers, are due commendation for their spirit of cooperation and their efficient work.

Never has your president had the privilege of working with any group which evidenced such smooth and effective ways of achieving desired ends. Thanks are extended to each one with wishes for a healthful and happy summer vacation!

MOLLY PARRISH, President

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### SUMMER SCHOOL

The summer school this year will be from June 14 to August 6, with a variety of academic and professional courses offered. They will include courses for students wishing to complete their work in three years and three summers, courses for teachers interested in certificate renewal, ceramic art work by Mrs. Elena Krupenski, a secretarial program for high school and undergraduate college students and graduate students to prepare for secretarial work, program of graduate study in cooperation with the University of Virginia with credits toward a master of education degree by the Department of Education, and the Summer School of Music under the direction of Edgar Schenkman. We hope to see some of you here with us.

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### GRADUATION

Mary Washington College held the 1954 graduation exercises on May 30, and 31. The senior class consisted of 182 girls this year. A third of this group was from out of state, representing 17 states, the District of Columbia, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Japan. Twenty-seven are from Fredericksburg area. Graduating with honors were Elizabeth Ann Mason of Bowling Green, a music major, and Mary Hill Chilton of Remington, an art major. Miss Chilton has won the alumnae cup for three years. The Thomas Jefferson cup was awarded to Miss Mary Ann Teresa Dorsey of Charlottesville. The Kiwanis Cup was awarded to Miss Meechi Yokogawa of Japan. The Right Reverend A. Hugo Blankenship, Episcopal Bishop of Cuba and father of one of the seniors, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. The garden party at Brompton was on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Charles J. Smith, provost and former president of Roanoke College, gave the commencement address in Sylvan Amphitheater.

The Fredericksburg Chapter awarded a place setting of silver to Miss Margaret Jane Thompson, the senior with the highest scholastic average from Fredericksburg and surrounding areas. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Kirkpatrick Thompson, '32, of Fredericksburg.

The Puerto Rican Chapter awarded a beautiful gold medal to Miss Barbara Ann Bosworth, the senior with the highest average majoring in Spanish from the United States.

The seniors enjoyed "Alumnae Day" at Mary Washington on May 13, with punch and cookies served to them in the alumnae office. They were interested in knowing how the alumnae office operated. They came in and chatted and some of them paid their dues for the coming year. It was a very enjoyable day.

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### MAY DAY

It was a beautiful May Day on May 1, with Jane Vinzant of Richmond crowned as May Queen in the new Sylvan Amphitheater. It did not rain, the second May Day in ten years that it did not, and the grounds and the amphitheater were simply lovely with all the new landscaping. We promise you a picture of it in the fall bulletin, which is to be a super bulletin. We are working on it now and trying to raise some money for it.

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### NEWS FROM THE ALUMNAE OFFICE

By PAULINE GRAVES LAMASON

#### FASHION SHOW

Polly Lamason had a fashion show to raise money for the alumnae office in the new Gothic Room of the Student Center on May 13. It was a very successful show, but we only realized $33.50. We only charged twenty-five cents a piece so the college girls could attend. We did not have many college girls, but about 150 townspeople. Mrs. Lawrence Payne, Social Director, did the commentating and she was wonderful. She had done work like this and was Fashion Coordinator at Julius Garfinckel's in Washington for a number of years. She also had observed fashions in Paris, Rome, Switzerland, and Austria. The models were Mrs. Payne's students and most of them had done professional modeling in New York, Washington and Baltimore. They plan to major in this field. Miss Edna Long, "Miss Virginia" for 1952, was among the models, as well as Katherine Marie Rozmarynowska, Jeanne Rowell, Elizabeth Mason, Sally Strawhand, Audrey Neff, Nancy Buran, Mary Ellen Fekas, Rita Shaeffer, Ann Coiner, and Anne Urquhart. Delicious refreshments were served at a lovely tea table beautifully decorated with spring flowers by the members of the Town Girls' Club.

#### FORENSIC TOURNAMENT

On April 14 to 17 junior and senior colleges throughout the country held the ninth consecutive Grand National Forensic Tournament at Mary Washington College under the direction of Dr. Warren G. Keith, Professor of History and Director of Admissions, at Mary Washington. Miss Wilma Ann French of Arlington, Massachusetts, was president. It was attended by over eighty colleges throughout the United States and was sponsored by the Strawberry Leaf Society, an organization for the promotion of public activities among students.

#### RAH, FOR OL' M.W.C. BAND! RAH!

At the George Washington Parade on February 22, in Alexandria, the Mary Washington band won first prize of $150.

## PLACEMENT BUREAU

Mrs. Ruth Embrey Jenkins, '44, has just been appointed as Director of the Placement Bureau at M.W.C. Ruth occupies a nice big office on the third floor of George Washington Hall. She is anxious to help seniors and alumnae in securing positions. The confidential records are all in her office. Ruth was formerly Secretary to President Combs until 1946. She resides at 1306 Washington Avenue, with her husband, Frank, and two darling children.

## DUES

1954-55 dues are due on June 1, of each year. Please mail your checks to the office, so you will continue to receive our bulletins. $5.00 a year for annual dues, $2.00 of which goes to your local chapter if you are a member, or fifty dollars for a life membership.

## CHIT CHAT

Alice "Cass" Cassriel, '48, will be studying at De Paul's in Chicago this summer. Anne Ceglis is touring Europe for several months. Jane Gregg, '51, Chemist for State Department of Agriculture in Richmond, spoke to the girls at MWC for "Career Day." Mary Elizabeth Fisher, '50, is now in Budapest. She has been in Naples. Clara Boyd Wheeler, '31, is home on vacation from Athens, Greece, where she is with the Women's Christian Association. Florence Archibald Barrow is also in Europe for several months. Marge Lodge Copes's daughter graduated from Onancock High School with the MacMaster award, the highest award for four year average in English and social studies. She is leaving for a trip to Europe this summer. Joyce Sprinkle is living in Arizona, where she is one of eleven full-time girls' physical education teachers at Tucson Senior High School, the largest three-year high school in the nation. Molly Coates, '24, is a real artist. You should have seen her Christmas cards for last year. Connie Wilkins is secretary to Constance Bennett in Washington, D. C., for the Washington Festival at Carter Bannon Amphitheater.

Auri Badillo is home in Puerto Rico after a five month trip to Argentina. Ana Luis Gonzalez and Alicia Rivera had a nice vacation in Santo Domingo. Ginny Briant Page is working with "House and Garden." Her boss is a 1939 alumna of MWC. Ruth Spradlin and Glade Burnette are working on the Roanoke Chapter.

Miss Jane Gardner Sjostrom, a junior at MWC, was the Maid of Honor in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester on April 29 and 30.

We are happy to report one new chapter in Fairfax, Virginia. B. J. Lyle and Carmen Weiler got together and they are making much progress. B. J. is our new treasurer. So many other chapters will be organized as soon as we can get the handbook for organizing chapters ready for distribution.

Barbara McNutt is doing so much for the Delaware chapter, but she is not well right now and I am sure she would appreciate any help and notes from any of you. Best wishes to you, Barbara! You really have wonderful ideas for your chapter.

The Norfolk chapter honored their mothers at the May meeting and each was given a corsage. The new officers were installed by Henrietta Echols. The new president is none other than Miss Margaret Lambert and the director is Louise Ruddick. Good luck, new officers!

Miss Madeleine Smith of Warwick High School was awarded the $100 scholarship to Mary Washington College on the best essay on "Why I Chose Mary Washington College." Congratulations, Peninsula Chapter!

We had a representative, Ana Maria Quinones, from the Puerto Rican chapter at homecoming. Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni is still working very hard for this chapter. Lillian Jenks is the president. They had a big celebration on May 23, with Mary Jane Guthrie Simpson and her husband as their guests. They honored Carmen's and Alicia's family, because they had done so much for the chapter. The party was dedicated to the husbands of the members.

## CONGRATULATIONS

A son is born to Mabel Moffett Paska
Jeanne Person Johnson—twins
Carmen Valdejulli Lamela
Jo Wilson Heirs
A daughter is born to Helen Beam Ambler—they hope to join husband in England
Lillian Vega Jenks—third girl

## WEDDING BELLS

Alice Sichler Kepler—living in Texas
Betty Anne Raynor Pittman—going to England
Mabel Eleanor Reese Rice
Ann Page Lawson Hanson
Mary Lewis Adams Davison
Mary Candill Lewis to Rev. R. E. Johns
Martha Bergenty Miner
Dottie Matheny
Pat Wampler Garcia of Orange, Virginia, married to boy from Orange, Texas
Virginia Hudgins—going to England
Florence Overley Ritterhoff
Lois Coleman to Dr. Murphy

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Harriet Bangs Johnson

Dr. Elizabeth Baker, former teacher at MWC, was killed in an automobile accident in Louisiana

Louise Bullock Hammon's husband killed in automobile accident

Louise Holtzclaw

Eleanor Batchlett Smith's father-in-law

## FOR SALE

Note paper $1.00 a box, add ten cents for mailing

Playing Cards with tallies, add ten cents for mailing. $2.50

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, APRIL, 1954

During the past months, much increase in interest in the Association has been noted from the many letters, the formation of new chapters, and the increase in membership, both in Life and Annual members. The following statistics show in detail the increase:

| | May, 1953 | April, 1954 |
|---|---|---|
| Life Members | 332 | 385 |
| Paying on Life | 100 | 123 |
| Annual Members | 160 | 280 |

There have been charters granted to the new chapters: Maryland Suburban, Peninsula, New Jersey, and Eastern Shore.

In North Carolina, I shall continue my efforts to organize a chapter both in the Eastern part of the state, as well as other parts. I have contacted a number of girls around Greenville, and we hope to have our chapter organized by fall.

Correspondence has indicated that the chapters should continue their efforts to enlist girls in the chapter territory. By much work and research, there is an adequate file on the Alumnae in our office. This should prove a great help, in enlisting new members.

The activities of the individual chapters have been most encouraging. They have included helping the retarded children, giving scholarships to M.W.C. activities in interesting future Alumnae of Mary Washington, as well as many other details which we will hear later.

The Alumnae Office has been furnished during these past eight months. At the October Board meeting, it was decided that our goal should be to furnish the room and pay for it by Homecoming. The furnishings are completed. The bill for the room came to $581.12. At this writing, we have had contributions in the amount of $300.00 toward this fund. It is hoped that by the time this is read, that balance will have been made up. This room is something for us to be very proud of, as it represents a project in which we have all had a part.

Two printed bulletins have been sent out; one to all members, one to paid members. If finances permit, another bulletin should go out in June. Printed questionnaires have also been sent to 5,000 Alumnae. These have been returned to the Executive Secretary answered, and have provided much valuable information for our office.

The Homecoming chairman and committee has planned the Talent Show which is to be presented tonight in George Washington Hall. We are hoping for its success, as this entertainment replaced the usual annual benefit which has been sponsored by the Association. It is felt that if all Alumnae can participate in our Annual entertainment, it will relieve individuals of the burden of putting on a program, without the support of all the members.

Regular correspondence has been carried on between the chapter presidents, directors and me. I have, in this way, kept close touch with the activities of each chapter. I have visited the Norfolk Chapter, and in March, I visited the Peninsula Chapter. Both of these occasions were sources of great pleasure and satisfaction to me. It is unfortunate that distances and circumstances have made it impossible for me to accept all the invitations that have come from the different chapters. I hope to see more of the chapters "in action" during the coming year.

A concentrated effort has been made to keep in close touch with the Senior Class of 1954 of MWC. The girls have shown their appreciation of this. We do appreciate all that the chapters and individuals have done to interest the Seniors in the Alumnae Association. We are still hoping for a class to be 100% in joining the Association shortly after graduation. Your activities in this respect are greatly needed.

In my first letter to the chapters, it was suggested that each chapter think about the possibility of doing one project during the year, the proceeds of which would be sent to the National Association treasury. This was suggested because of the need of funds, but also, to give us a feeling of unity, knowing that all had participated in the carrying on of the National Association. There has been some response to this. It is hoped that this will be thought of again, and perhaps carried out.

We have been so fortunate in having Polly Lamason, who has worked so tirelessly in the executive office. We appreciate her work and the time and thought that has been put into her job. We, also, would voice our thanks for the cooperation from the Executive Committee, Board Members, as well as many individual members of the Association. During this year, each request that has been made by your president, such as acting on committees, planning the homecoming, et cetera, has been answered with a willingness and carried out with ability and cooperation that has been remarkable.

It is hoped that this spirit of cooperation and willingness will be continued and increased during the coming year. I have been encouraged by the increases in our organization. However, we still need a larger fund for our operating expenses. This can be attained by your continued help and interest.

ELOISE CAVERLEE HUGHES, President

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